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The Explosive Materials Corporation and its subsidiary, the Synthesia Chemical Plant, are closely connected with the Osti nad Labem Union through personal relationships. The Explosive Materials Corporation is probably the largest stockholder in the Osti nad Labem Union, except for the Zivnostenska Bank.

23 May 1936, "Die Chemische Industrie," No. 21

The "Vuleen" Explosives Factory, Inc., in Cinadove, has requested permission to close down operations. It employs 40 persons.

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The principal producer of explosives, ammunition, etc., is Explosia, Czech Explosive Materials Corporation. Its main plant is in Sumatin, near Prague. It produces an estimated 5,000 tons per year of industrial explosives, including safety explosives, on the basis of ammonium nitrate, nitroglycerine, powder, mono-, di-, and trinitrotoluene, nitrocellulose, collodion, picric acid, diphenylamine, nitric acid, etc. Other producers of explosives, ammunition, detonators, picric acid, etc. are:

Dynamit Nobel, Inc., Bratislava; Skoda Plant, Pilsen; Bratislava Ammunition Factory and J. Roth Iron and Metal Foundry, Inc., Bratislava, Detonator and Ammunition Factory, formerly Sellier and Bellot, Prague; Mobel-Bickford, Trensín; A. Schram, Prague; Jos. Rívnas, Prague; Schaffler and Co., Dobsice near Znojmo, Julius Rutgers, Moravska Ostrava.

1 October 1938, "Die Chemische Industrie," No. 39

The explosives and armaments industries are of extraordinary importance in Czechoslovakia. The principal plants are:

The Corporation, formerly Skoda Plant, in Pilsen, with a capital of 220 million Ke. It is largely controlled by the State, the French armaments company of Schneider, ~~Creusot~~ <sup>Creusot</sup>, also holds a large number of shares.

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The main plant is in Pileša. There are additional plants in Hradec Kralove, Prague, Komarno, Brno; also a small plant in Grotten, Hraden nad Nisou, in the Sudeten area.

The Ammunition Factories, formerly Sellier and Ballot Corporation, in Prague, with a capital of 18 million Kc. They produce ammunition, mining explosives, hunting shells, etc. There are two factories, one in Prague and one in Vlasia, in Central Bohemia.

The Czech Armaments Plants, Inc., in Brno, with a capital of 120 million Kc. a 77 percent of which is held by the State, most of the remainder by the Skoda Plant. Factory installations are located in Brno and Bratislava.

The most important producer of explosives, Explosia, Czech Explosive Materials Corporation. It has capital of 60 million Kc and belongs to the Zivnostenska Banka, in Prague; the Ust: nad Labem, Union also holds part of the shares (about 20%). The company also has connections with the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., in London; Nobel Industries, Ltd., in London; Societe Centrals du Dynamite, in Paris; and DuPont in the USA. Explosives of all sorts, nitrecallulose, dynamite, picric acid, and also nitric acid are manufactured in the plant in Semtin, near Pardubice.

Dynamit Nobel, Inc., in Bratislava, which is connected with the German Dynamit Nobel Company. It produces fuses, detonating equipment, explosive shells, etc., and also has interests in other phases of the chemical industry, producing fertilizers, fuller's earth, compressed gases (nitrogen, oxygen, acetylene), sulfuric acid, hydrochloric acid, sulfurous acid sodium sulfate, sodium silicate, carbon disulfide, chrome alum, etc. It has a capital of 26.4 million Kc.

~~The~~ Nobel-Bickford Corporation in Bratislava, with a capital of three million Kc, also belongs to the Dynamit-Nobel combine.

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